

[Roy F. Richards]

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NAME OF WORKER [Warnock?] R. Stewart ADDRESS Sumner, Neb

DATE September 26, 1938 SUBJECT

1. Name and address of informant Roy F. Richards
2. Date and time of interview Sept. 26, 1938
3. Place of interview At his shoe shop in Sumner
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant cold canvass
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you none
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. A room about 16x24 facing north on south side of main street in Sumner Nebr. The door in north next to west side of building and a back door in the south next west side of building. Inside a home made counter running about 1/2 way south from the north wall on which he has his tools tax etc. Along the east wall an electric motor sewing machines, brushes, polishers, etc. used for the repairing of harness, shoes, etc. [??]

1. Ancestry Didn't get
2. Place and date of birth Indiana, didn't get
3. Family Married, family grown
4. Place lived in, with dates Indiana until 1905 came to Sumner Nebr. lived since

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5. Education, with dates not much, probably 5th grade.
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates jack of all trades and master of none
7. Special skills and interests Carpenter, Paper hanger, shoe and harness repair
8. Community and religious Active in community club I. O.O.F. lodge M. E. church work.
9. Description of informant about 5ft. 8 inches tall, little on the chunky order weights about 180, about 65 years old talks all the time.
10. Other points gained in interview

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Writer

This sale was held 1 1/2 miles west and 1 1/2 miles south of town on the farm known as the Haag place. Sale commenced at one o'clock p.m. and the term of sale cash. No property removed until settled for.

They commenced selling tools and small items and from that to the wagons, machinery, chickens, chicken coops, brooder house. House hold goods, everything sold from old clothes to the kitchen range and the cattle, horses, feed, corn in the field grain in the bins, everything owned by the tenant. Modle T Ford coach and all. The sale amounted to between \$1,200 and \$1,300 and they sold 246 items according to the clerk record.

Chang of The Auctioneer

[Who?] will give me a dollar to start this dollar do I hear it, no, well fifty cents, its worth something, 25¢ I have, who'll give 30, 30 I have, will you give 35? You are out 40 is you.

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45 is you, 50 is you, 55 is you, will you give 60 will any one give 60? 55 I have who will give sixty? You got the job done for 55 Mr. Jones, and so on to the next item.

The buildings on the place are old and the house a five-room old fashion farm house painted light brown at one time, north and east of the house about 150 ft is the well and windmill with a stock tank full of water and about two dozen large gold fish in the tank west of the windmill about fifty feet is the chicken house a building about 12x16, no paint with the door in the south. North of the chicken house about 30 ft. an old corn crib but short crops, for so many years without use it is nearly rotted out. North of this building about 200 ft. there is a pretty good grainary painted red at one time which was filled with barley, landlords grain in one bin and the other was sold for 26¢ per bushel. East from this grainary about 60 ft. is the barn, an old building and if ever painted its so long ago it doesn't show now. In the barn is room for six head of horses and a small hay loft above. Harness hooks and tool box on east wall.

The sale started at one p.m. sharp and lasted until 5:30 when the auctioneer completed the last sale.

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DATE Sept. 27, 1938 SUBJECT Copied from the May 1883 issue of the Harper's New Monthly mag. V. IX II Editor's Drawer

MINE [SHILDREN?] Oh, dose shildren, dose shildren, they boddher mine life! Vhy don'd day keep quiet, like Gretchen, mine vife? Vot makes dem so shock fool off mischief, I vunder, A-shumping der room roundt mit noises like dunder? Hear det! Vas dere anyding make sooch a noise? As Herman un Otto, mine two leddle poys? Ven I dake oup mine pipe for agoot qvite shmoke, Dey crawl me all ofer, und dink id a shoke To go droo mine Bockets to see vot dey fine, Und if mit er latch-key mine vatch dey can vind. I'd take someding more as dheir fader and moder To qviet det Otto and his little broder. Dey shtub oudt dheir boots, and vear holes in der knees Off dheir drouzers, and shtockings, und

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sooch dings, ad dese. I dink if dot Creesus vas lifting today, Dose poys mike more pills as dot Kauser could pay: I find me quick oudt dot some riches dake vings, Ven each gouple a tays I must buy dem new dings. I pring dose two chafers some toys efry tay, Pecause "Shonny Schwartz has sooch nice dings," dey say, "Und Shonny Schwartz' barents was poorer as ve" Dots vot der young rashkells was saying to me. Dot oldt Santa Kaus mit a sleight fool off toys Don'd gif sadisfaction to dose greedy poys. Dey kick der cloths off ven ashleep in dheir ped, Und get so mooch croup dot dey almost vas dead; Budt id don'd make no tifferent before id was light Day vas oup in der morning mit billose to fight. I dink id vas beddher you don't got some ears Ven dey blay "Holdt der Fort" and den gif dree cheers. Oh, dose shoildren, dose schildren, dey boddher mine life! Budt shtop shust a leedle. If Gretchen, mine vife, Und dose leddle shildren dey don'd been around, Und all droo der house dere vas nefer a sound Vell, pays, vy you look oup dot vay mit surbrise.? I guess dey see tears in dheir oldt fader's eyes.

C. F. A.

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DATE Sept. 26, 1938 SUBJECT Men of Today

NAME OF INFORMANT AND ADDRESS Roy F. Richards

Men of today live longer and more contented then when I was a boy back in Indiana we could tell the difference between a single man and a married man as fur as you could see him, for as soon as a man got married he began to get old let his whiskers and hair get long and curl around the collar and by the time he was fifty he was an old man, and you never heard of a man eight or ninety years old, but now a days the men keep their hair cut and shave out here, walk straight, and live to be old men. I think that that's the reason people live longer because they take better kear of their selves now than they did then.